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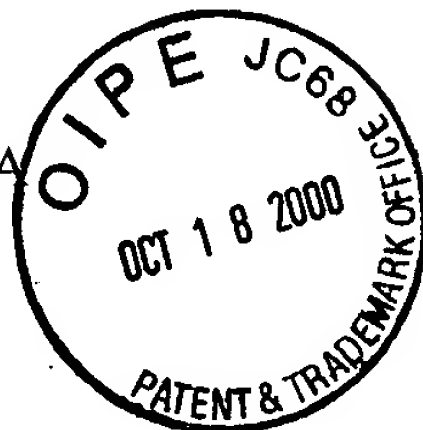
In re application of

Kazuhisa HATAKEYAMA

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METHOD FOR GENE ANALYSIS



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated September 18, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 1, delete "SPECIFICATION";

line 7, before "Field" insert --1--;

line 18, before "Description" insert --2--.

Page 6, line 13, delete "DETAILED".

Page 21, in Table 1, line 15, after "-3" insert --SEQ ID No. 1--;

line 16, after "-3" insert --SEQ ID No. 2--;

line 17, after "-3" insert --SEQ ID No. 3--.

Page 25, in Table 2, line 13, after "-3" insert --SEQ ID No. 1--;

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line 14, after "-3'" insert --SEQ ID No. 2--;

line 15, after "-3'" insert --SEQ ID No. 1--;

line 16, after "-3'" insert --SEQ ID No. 2--.

Page 29, in Table 4, line 4, after "-3'" insert --SEQ ID No. 4--;

line 5, after "-3'" insert --SEQ ID No. 5--;

line 6, after "-3'" insert --SEQ ID No. 6--;

line 7, after "-3'" insert --SEQ ID No. 7--;

line 8, after "-3'" insert --SEQ ID No. 8--.

Page 33, in Table 5, change "(4) 5'-ATCGCCCGGACTCX-3' Completely matched

Not added 9" to --(4) 5'-ATCGCCCGGACTCX-3' (SEQ ID No. 4) Completely matched

Not added 9--;

in Table 5, change "(5) 5'-ATCGCCTGGACTCX-3' Mismatched Not added

5" to --(5) 5'-ATCGCCTGGACTCX-3' (SEQ ID No. 5) Mismatched Not added 5--;

in Table 5, change "(6) 5'-iiiiTCGCCCGGACTiiiiX-3' Completely matched

Not added 7" to --(6) 5'-iiiiTCGCCCGGACTiiiiX-3' (SEQ ID No. 6) Completely matched

Not added 7--;

in Table 5, change "(7) 5'-iiiiTCGCCTGGACTiiiiX-3' Mismatched Not

added 2" to --(7) 5'-iiiiTCGCCTGGACTiiiiX-3' (SEQ ID No. 7) Mismatched Not added

2--;

in Table 5, change "(4) 5' -ATCGCCCGGACTCX-3' Completely matched
Added 100" to --(4) 5' -ATCGCCCGGACTCX-3' (SEQ ID No. 4) Completely matched

Added 100--;

in Table 5, change "(5) 5'-ATCGCCTGGACTCX-3' Mismatched Added 9"
to --(5) 5'-ATCGCCTGGACTCX-3' (SEQ ID No. 5) Mismatched Added 9--;

in Table 5, change "(6) 5'-iiiiTCGCCCGGACTiiiiX-3' Completely matched
Added 50" to --(6) 5'-iiiiTCGCCCGGACTiiiiX-3' (SEQ ID No.6) Completely matched

Added 50--;

in Table 5, change "(7) 5'-iiiiTCGCCTGGACTiiiiX-3' Mismatched Added
2" to --(7) 5'-iiiiTCGCCTGGACTiiiiX-3' (SEQ ID No. 7) Mismatched Added 2--;

in Table 5, last line, after "C6" insert --and i represents inosine--.

Please replace the Sequence Listing of record pages 35-39 with the attached substitute
Sequence Listing consisting of pages 1-3.

In the Claims:

Please renumber pages 40-43 of the original application papers containing the claims and
abstract as pages 35-38.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are presented to place the application in better form and in compliance with the Sequence Rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. In particular, the specification headings have been amended in conformance with U.S. practice.

Applicants have submitted a Sequence Listing in both paper and computer readable form as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c) and (e). Amendments directing its entry into the specification have also been incorporated herein. The content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each requirement set forth in the Notice has been satisfied, and that the application is now in compliance with the Sequence Rules under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Accordingly, favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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